Herman J. Born

A lifelong resident of Elgin

A memorial service for Herman J. Born, 85, will be held at 7 pm today, at First Presbyterian Church, Elgin. The Rev. Peter Boeve will officiate. Born March 28, 1916, in Elgin, he died Monday, June 4, 2001, in Elgin. Burial will be private in Bluff City Cemetery. Mr. Born was a graduate of Elgin High School class of 1934. Herman had been employed by Ackemann's Department Store in Elgin from 1945 until the store's closing and was interior designer and Department Manager before retiring. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army in the European Theatre, including the Battle at Normandy and The Battle of the Bulge. Herman was also a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Elgin, was active with the Channing St. YMCA and the building committee and youth programs. He started the seniors exercise program which he faithfully attended for more than 30 years. He was one of the founders of the Anderson Animal Shelter and, for his devoted work, the shelter named in his honor the new Veterinarians Clinic in May 2001. As an animal lover, he was a member of the Kerry Blue Terrier Club in Chicago and its parent in New York for 50 years, showing, grooming and judging for the club. Herman is survived by his wife, Eleanore Tyler Born, whom he married on Feb, 14, 1948; and several nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his special calico cat, "Calley". He was preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Emilia Born; three brothers; and four sisters. There will be no visitation. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church of Elgin, the Anderson Animal Shelter or the charity of one's choice. Arrangements were made by Laird Funeral Home, Elgin. For information, (477) 418-8000.

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